

August 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza

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1. Mayor Rickman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll call found Council Member Ransom, Mayor Pro Tem Young, and Mayor Rickman present. Council Member Vargas absent. Council Member Arriola arrived at 6:05 p.m.
3. Items from the Audience – None
4. **WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF**

Jenny Haruyama, City Manager provided an outline of the presentation, Karin Schnaider, Finance Director provided background and policy information, Leticia Ramirez, Interim City Attorney provided information regarding proposed cannabis regulatory framework, Bill Dean, Assistant Development Services Director provided information regarding land use.

Mark Ponticelli, representing the People's Remedy in Modesto invited Council to visit their location.

Cole Fogert thanked Council for moving forward with furthering the industry in Tracy.

Robert Tanner requested population rate of 80,000 per store, and suggested a 1200 feet buffer to schools and youth centers.

Doug Morrow spoke about the black market effect on the cannabis industry, supported locating the "like for like" business types, and suggested three or four cannabis retail locations for Tracy.

Jennifer Noska shared her story about medicinal cannabis use, and added she would like to see storefront boutiques, educating residents, and health and wellness for Tracy.

Deana Garcia, owner of Riverbank and Modesto Cannabis Collective invited Council and staff to visit their medical cannabis dispensary, and supported dispensaries in retail and downtown areas.

Abdul Wahid spoke about identification on cannabis delivery vehicles, buffer distance being more than 600 feet from schools, cultivation, and the City having regulations in place before approving dispensaries.

Andrea Answorth, representing Other People's Remedy asked Council to remember those who are impacted by war on drugs, and invited Council to their retail locations.

Anthony Wench shared his education and experience regarding cannabis and suggested tours of indoor growing to educate and generate business, hydroponics, a laboratory, boutique arrangement, and stated he would like to be a consultant for City.

Denise Vincent described the dispensaries as clean businesses that the City should be getting taxes from.

Alex Monceaux spoke about the following: putting a smart policy in place, prioritizing participation of local residents, green houses as they are more sustainable, does not support indoor growing, and shared positive revenue points.

Alan Monceaux spoke in favor of labs and B to B distribution, and added it is time to bring the industry into the forefront.

City Council questions and comments followed.

It was City Council consensus to include the following in developing cannabis zoning requirements:

- o Retail in industrial and commercial areas
- o Allow indoor cultivation
- o Prohibit outdoor cultivation
- o Limit buffers to state law minimums
- o All cannabis land uses would require CUP

Further discussion needed on number of dispensaries, including phasing.

Next steps:

- Look into how other cities define youth centers
- Create close-up map showing Legacy Fields, Placencia Fields and “major” schools with buffers to help determine if 600 feet or 1000 feet should be applied to these areas.

5. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:00 p.m.

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Ransom and seconded by Council Member Arriola to adjourn. Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered. Council Member Vargas absent.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on August 8, 2019. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk